



# JACK DOYLE

## MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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### PIER CLOSURES TEMPORARILY

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that the pier at Ontario Beach Park will be closed most of Tuesday and Wednesday morning for a pumping demonstration which will take place today through August 24 and August 27 through 31, 2001. The pumps are being installed temporarily to test their feasibility in alleviating the algae problem at the beach.

"We hope the demonstration project will be successful because the beach has been closed one third of the swimming season for the past few years due to accumulation of algae in the lake," said Doyle.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will simulate the effect of placing a culvert through the pier, pumping algae that becomes trapped against the west pier into the river and the effect of improving beach maintenance methods. The Corps will collect data from these tests to determine which alternative best improves the water circulation and alleviates the algae problem.

County Executive Doyle asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider an alternate pumping solution, created by the County's Department of Environmental Services (D.E.S.), in July. The Corps has agreed to include the County's pumping solution as an alternative for further analysis in their study.

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